

- ◇ We need donations of all sorts: if anyone has any possible contacts for serious raffle prizes, that would be great. Then we need quality unused gifts for the tombola, and we also need pledges for plants, homemade cakes, jams and chutneys to be delivered on the day.
- ◇ There will also be a white elephant stall this year so we would welcome items for this.

This event is an important fund-raiser for our church and equally important in raising awareness of our Church within our community. Please contact Nicki, Caroline or Julie with any queries and particularly regarding ways you can help. Thank you.

- ◆ **Our second-hand Book Stall:** Paperback books in good condition are needed all year round but particularly now in readiness for the Summer Fete on 29th June. Please bring in books at any time and leave them by the bookcase (near the font). Thank you.
- ◆ **London to Brighton British Heart Foundation Cycle Ride:** Phil and his daughter, Christine are doing this 54 mile ride on **Sunday 16th June**. They would welcome your sponsorship for the British Heart Foundation on www.justgiving.com/fundraising/philandchristine, or to jointly support BHF and our own Southside Appeal, please do consider a donation direct to Phil or Pam. Thank you.

Services/Events next Week

Monday, (3rd): Thy Kingdom Come Daily Prayer: St Anne's, 9:00pm

Tuesday, (4th): Thy Kingdom Come Daily Prayer: St Nicolas, 9:00pm

Wednesday, (5th): 12:00 to 3:00pm—Open Wednesday with Thy Kingdom Come Prayers at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch; St Nics.

Thursday, (6th): Thy Kingdom Come Prayer: St Anne's, 9:00pm

Friday (7th): Thy Kingdom Come Prayer: St Nicolas, 9:00pm

Sunday, 9th June: Pentecost

10:45—Joint Parish Communion at St Nicolas Church, Taplow led by Bishop Alan

Further information on **St Nicolas Church Website:** <http://st-nicolas-taplow.org>

If you need to **contact the Vicar**, you can ring her on 01628 661182 or email her: janeecresswell523@gmail.com

Notices in the Pew Leaflet: If you have a notice or news for the *Pew Leaflet*, please email it to Jim Oliver (oliverjim1@sky.com) by the end of the Wednesday preceding the Sunday date you want it in.

	<p align="center">St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common</p> <p align="center">St Nicolas' Church, Taplow</p> <p align="center">7th Sunday of Easter</p> <p align="center">Sunday, 2nd June, 2019</p>	
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Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's Holy Communion Service. At St Nicolas, children are invited to the Sunday School at the end of the first hymn.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Acts 16:16-34 *Paul and Silas in Prison*

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up

and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Gospel: John 17:20-26

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."



Anthem: *Come down O love divine* William Harris

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **St Nicolas Choir at Rochester Cathedral:** Last Monday, our augmented choir of over thirty people sang Evensong at Rochester Cathedral supported by a coachload from our congregations! It was

an act of worship of the highest quality. Thanks to all those who took part and to all those who came to support the singers. It was a memorable experience for us all (there is further information/pictures in 'News' section of our website).

- ◆ **Talking Jesus' Course:** Our Jubilee Group of Churches is organising a **six session video-based course** to inspire us to share our faith with others. It will be held at **St Peter's Church, Burnham on six Tuesday evenings (7:30pm) starting this Tuesday (4th).**



Bishop Alan will be coming to meet with everyone involved at a plenary session on Saturday 20th July - more details of that nearer the time. For full details and how to register online, go to our website's 'Events' section.

- ◆ **Thy Kingdom Come:** During this international and ecumenical call to prayer, you are invited to discover new habits and ways of praying to God, that those whom you know might come to know Jesus. With 'Churches together', we are offering one service each day, possibly night prayer (Compline), from **Ascension Day (this Thursday) to Pentecost (9th June).** It is hoped that



we will all attend at least one of these services to strengthen our resolve in mission. The first one is **this evening at St Nicolas Church at 9:00pm.** There is a list at the back of church to sign up to services; the ones in our churches this week are listed overleaf.

- ◆ **Oasis:** The next session is a reflective evening led by Revd Rod Cosh, Area Dean. It is called '*Praying the labyrinth*'. A labyrinth directs one's focus toward God. It has a clear path but sometimes takes unexpected twists and turns. In this way, it resembles the journey of life. **Friday, 12th June; 7:30pm to 9:30pm.** Please book this week. Details in the 'Events' section of our website.
- ◆ **Cake Sale:** The next Cake Sale in aid of the Southside Appeal is **next Sunday (9th).** Treats will be available for all!
- ◆ **Countdown to the Summer Fete:** The **Church/School Summer Fete on Saturday, 26th June from 12:00 until 3:00pm** is now just four weeks away and there are lots of ways for us all to help:
 - ◇ We need volunteers to run and man stalls; please look at the planner at the back of Church and sign up.

